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he convened a conference in Paris, and in 1882 he organized a similar one at Brussels, and another at Berne in 1884, where the first steps were taken in the direction which led in 1890-91 to the establishment of the International Peace Bureau at Berne. To this Bureau he was intensely devoted, as in it he saw the closer union of the peace societies and an important centre of influence toward international friendship and federation. He was instrumental in bringing about the organization of the French Arbitration Society, of which Frederic Passy has been so long the honored head. He visited and held meetings of interested persons in Germany and other parts of Europe, and it was through his influence that a number of Continental peace societies were formed. Through *Concord*, the organ of his association, through his fortnightly letter in the London *Echo* for six years, and in other channels, he did strong and effective work with his ever-active pen.

Until two or three years ago Mr. Pratt was a central figure in the peace congresses, where his counsel was always heard with the greatest respect. He remained away only under the imperative necessity of weakened health, and when absent sent messages of greeting and Godspeed to his fellow-workers assembled. The friends of peace he bore always upon his heart, and in his later years he sent at Christmas time letters of appreciation and encouragement to many of them on whom he felt that responsibility for the success of the cause rested with peculiar weight. These letters, several of which the editor of this journal has had the honor to receive, always breathed the finest and noblest spirit of international as well as personal friendship. Indeed, so full of this spirit was he, that in Europe he was known as the "international man."

As to practical measures, Mr. Pratt, in addition to his advocacy of arbitration and the federation of the work of the peace societies, was among the first to suggest and plead for councils of international concord, for the investigation of the facts of contested issues before hostilities should be thought of. He had in mind commissions of private eminent citizens, but his work in this direction really lay at the bottom of what was done at The Hague in providing for international commissions of inquiry. He urged with great force popular national control over foreign affairs, that nations might not be rushed into war by designing cabinets and rash parliamentary leaders. He was also an earnest advocate of an international congress or parliament, of the neutralization of inter-oceanic canals, "districts and provinces that have become associated with causes of war," and of arrest and reduction of armaments.

Mr. Pratt at times felt almost overwhelmed at the obstacles which modern militarism put and kept in the way of humane progress. He was also often much

depressed at the attitude of indifference or open hostility on the part of much of the Christian Church in his country and others in regard to the movement for the abolition of war. But these conditions, instead of turning him back, made him all the more bold and resourceful in his efforts. Among his last labors for the holy cause which had enlisted all his mind and heart were numerous letters of friendship and encouragement written at the recent Christmas season to his co-workers in different parts of the world.

In his personal characteristics and his relations to his fellow-workers, Mr. Pratt was a man of the finest and most beautiful disposition, "broad in sympathy and opinion, earnest and true in character, free from all personal littleness," as the *Herald of Peace* so appropriately says of him. He has indeed left no successor, but his life has gone into so many others that the whole movement has been strengthened and exalted through him.

The National Peace Congress.

The arrangements for the National Peace Congress, which opens in New York with a musical consecration service in Carnegie Hall on Sunday evening, April 14, are now practically complete. We give below a circular of information issued by the Committee of Arrangements (19 West 44th St., Room 8) which gives details as to railroad rates, hotels, arrangements for delegates, registration, etc. We hope that our members and friends in all parts of the country will use their best efforts to have as many organizations as possible represented at the Congress, which now promises to be the most imposing demonstration in behalf of international peace ever held in this country, and probably in the world.

The program given in our last issue, though somewhat revised as to speakers, remains intact so far as the places and character of the meetings are concerned. The number of eminent men from this country and abroad (the latter Mr. Carnegie's guests at the opening of his Pittsburgh Institute, April 11) who will participate in the meetings is remarkable. The presence of Secretary of State Root, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus, Andrew Carnegie, Vice-President Fairbanks, President Eliot of Harvard, President Butler of Columbia, President Thomas of Bryn Mawr, President Wooley of Holyoke, President Schurman of Cornell, President Wilson of Princeton, President James of Illinois, Dr. Schaeffer Superintendent of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania, Hon. Richard Bartholdt, Hon. George Gray, Hon. William J. Bryan, Hon. Samuel W. McCall, Hon. Seth Low, Hon. John Barrett, Mr. Samuel Gompers, Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, Ambassador Bryce, Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, Mr. W. T. Stead, Baron Descamps, Sir Robert Ball of Cambridge University,

Dr. John Rhys of Oxford, not to mention the leading peace workers of this country and many other prominent persons who will be there, will give to the Congress a representative character, expressive of the interest of the nation in the cause, such as we have never seen before. Such a meeting will inevitably have a potent influence on the Hague Conference.

President Roosevelt's attendance is hoped for, but not yet assured.

CIRCULAR OF INFORMATION.

At the evening sessions the doors will be open at 7.30 o'clock, music will begin at 7.45, and speaking at 8.20. At the afternoon sessions the doors will be open at 2.00 o'clock, and the speaking will begin at 3.00.

Every organization of any kind interested in the Peace Movement is invited to send two delegates at least to the Congress. Names of delegates should be sent to the Secretary of the Executive Committee, No. 19 West 44th Street, New York, *not later than April 5* (if this is not possible, send them at the earliest practicable date).

The railroads will sell to delegates round-trip tickets to New York for a fare and one-third. Hotels in New York offer reduced rates. A list of hotels, with terms, will be sent on application. (A brief list is given below.)

Delegates will have seats on the platform of Carnegie Hall and in the parquet (main floor). Persons who are not delegates may obtain for \$2.00 a ticket admitting to the parquet of Carnegie Hall for all meetings of the Congress held there, except the Young People's Meeting on Tuesday afternoon, April 16. These tickets do not entitle the holder to a particular seat, but to any seat in the reserved section, that is, the parquet. A limited number of these tickets at \$2.00 are to be issued, and application for them should be made without delay.

Twenty first-tier boxes, each containing eight seats, are for sale at \$40.00 each for all the sessions of the Congress held in Carnegie Hall, except the Young People's Meeting on Tuesday afternoon, April 16. These meetings are six in number, and occur on Sunday evening, April 14, Monday afternoon and evening, April 15, Tuesday morning and evening, April 16, Wednesday afternoon, April 17.

Thirty second-tier boxes for the same meetings, each containing eight seats, are for sale at \$35.00 each. The price of a box for any single meeting of the Congress is, first tier, \$10.00; second tier, \$8.00.

The headquarters for the registration of delegates, distribution of badges, programs, etc., and for business relating to railroad tickets, will be in the Carnegie Hall Building, 57th Street entrance. The post office of the Congress will be located there also. The hotel headquarters of the Congress will be Hotel Astor, Times Square.

The public dinner will be held at Hotel Astor on Wednesday evening, April 17. An informal reception will precede the dinner, from 6.00 to 7.00 P. M. The price of the dinner is \$4.00 per plate. Persons wishing to do so may reserve tables for themselves and friends, seating ten. Applications for dinner tickets should be made by mail to Lindsay Russell, Esq., Chairman Peace

Congress Dinner Committee, Hotel Astor, Times Square, New York.

ROBERT ERSKINE ELY,
Secretary Executive Committee,
19 West 44th Street.

Some of the figures given in this circular may seem extravagantly high, but it must be remembered that prices of halls in New York and various other expenses attending the Congress will be very heavy, and all these must be met in some way. There will be plenty of moderate-priced hotels, boarding houses and restaurants within reach of the meetings to meet the wants of all who may desire such accommodations.

LIST OF HOTELS.

Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street. Congress Headquarters. Rooms, \$2.50 per day and upward.

Hotel Manhattan, Madison Avenue and 42d Street. Rooms, \$2.50 per day and upward.

Hotel Wellington, 7th Avenue and 55th Street. Rooms, \$2.00 per day and upward.

Park Avenue Hotel, Park Avenue and 32d Street. Rooms, \$1.50 per day and upward.

Murray Hill Hotel, Park Avenue and 40th Street. Rooms, \$2.00 per day and upward.

Hotel Grenoble, 7th Avenue and 56th Street. Rooms, \$1.50 per day and upward.

Grand Union Hotel, Park Avenue and 42d Street. Rooms, \$1.00 per day and upward.

Hotel Belmont, Park Avenue and 42d Street. Rooms \$2.50 per day and upward.

Hotel Knickerbocker, Broadway and 42d Street. Rooms, \$2.50 per day and upward.

Hotel Imperial, Broadway and 31st Street. Rooms, \$2.50 per day and upward.

Hotel Victoria, Broadway and 27th Street. Rooms, \$2.00 per day and upward.

Fifth Avenue Hotel, Fifth Avenue and 23d Street. Rooms, \$2.00 per day and upward.

The Breslin, Broadway and 29th Street. Rooms, \$2.00 per day and upward.

The Waldorf-Astoria, 5th Avenue and 34th Street. Rooms, \$3.00 per day and upward.

By inquiring of Robert E. Ely, 19 West 44th Street, or at the registration rooms, Carnegie Hall (57th Street), more inexpensive houses may be found.

Further Contributions Needed.

Our special appeal for increased funds with which to carry on the enlarged work of the American Peace Society for the current year has met with a very generous response. Sixty-two persons have sent in their contributions, in sums varying from two and five dollars up to one thousand. But at least a thousand dollars more is needed in order to insure the *five thousand dollars increase of income* for which appeal was made. The Press Bureau, which was spoken of in the appeal, is already established and in operation, under the charge of the new Assistant Secretary, James L. Tryon. We are in the midst of a large and important campaign of